

Board of Selectmen – September 13, 2010
Present: Babson, Tsagaris, Searle, Dugan, Gibbs
Also present: Ketchen, Robinson

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.
Warrants approved: # 10 in the amount of \$ 2,545,327.37 & #11 in the amount of \$1,604,228.00
Citizen speak: Nancy Orenstein, 28 Beechwood Road had concerns regarding the speed of traffic on Beechwood Road. Ms. Searle described the various solutions the Board has been working on regarding the traffic issues on Beechwood Rd.
Minutes approved: 8/30/2010
Business:

Ms. Searle reported on the annual 9/11 ceremony held at the Fire Station Headquarters on Saturday. She also announced that on Tuesday, October 21st the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring “Mom’s Day Out” in Wellesley Square with various events and special “Sales”.

Ms. Babson announced that the Fuller Brook Park Coordinating Committee will hold a series of public hearings regarding the renovation project and encouraged everyone to attend.

Mr. Ketchen reported that the dedication of the Rt.9/16 bridge will take place on Friday the 17th at 1:00 p.m. on the lawn of the Community Center. The bridge will be named in honor of former Senator David Locke.

Ms. Tsagaris noted that the Board has been in negotiations with the Community Center regarding a permanent home for the Council on Aging and Senior Services. Next week the Board will have a public discussion with the Community center on the options to be considered.

Ms. Searle announced that beginning this Thursday in the Townsman the Board will be starting a guest column. This will be a pilot project to be held on a quarterly basis for a year. The column will discuss where the Board stands on various topics and projects. The Board will look forward to public feedback.

2. Executive Directors Update

Move to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2010 meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Ms. Babson and Ms. Searle gave an update on the Open Meeting Law with regard to the Proposed Remote Participation Regulations. Ms. Searle reviewed some of the issues brought up in the Attorney Generals memo and that the Attorney General’s office is seeking public comments.

The Board and Town Counsel discussed their thoughts on the memo.

3. Underground Storage Tank License Application – 27 Washington Street

Mark Paris, Vice President, National Development described the details and specifics of the request.

Move to approve the request of National Development, 2310 Washington Street, Newton Lower Falls for an Underground Storage Tank License for the storage of fluid in tanks above ground in a Diesel Emergency Generator (850 gallons) and for Gasoline for 138

Automobiles (2,760 gallons) in underground garage located at 27 Washington Street, Wellesley, MA.

4. Babson College Special One Day Licenses

Mr. Ketchen explained the request from Babson for a One Day Special License for their Fall 2010 events schedule.

Move to approve the request from Babson College for eleven (11) One Day Special Licenses for the Fall events described in their August 30, 2010 application.

5. National Grid Petitions To Install and Maintain Gas Mains in Several Locations

Mr. Dennis Regan, Permit Representative from National Grid, reviewed several petitions for new gas service.

Ms. Searle moved to approve the following National Grid Petitions:

To install and maintain approximately 100 feet, more or less of 4 inch gas main in Poplar Road from the existing 4 inch gas main at house #4 Northerly to House #8 for a new gas service.

To install and maintain approximately 25 feet, more or less of 2 inch gas main in Priscilla Circle from the existing 2 inch gas main at house #9 Southerly to House #11 & 12 for a new gas service.

To install and maintain approximately 85 feet, more or less of 2 inch gas main in Fife Road from the existing 4 inch gas main at house #14 Northwesterly to the right of way (Private Way) for a new gas service to house #206R Cedar Street.

Ms. Tsagaris seconded.

With the motion properly moved and seconded, the chair invited discussion from members of the public.

Mr. Michael Yip, 14 Fife Road voiced concerns about the gas main going thru his property and rejects this request.

Town Counsel said the Board has two options – either act or defer this petition. The Board should have Steve Fader speak to Mr. Yip on his concerns regarding the full facts and have the Town Engineer come back with his recommendations.

The Chairman agreed with Town Counsel and the motion was amended to exclude the new gas service at 206R Cedar Street, pending a review by Town Engineer, Steve Fader.

Mr. Dennis Viechnicki, 5 Poplar Road expressed safety concerns about the service extensions, which were addressed by Mr. Regan.

The Board voted to approve the following National Grid Petitions:

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**6 & 7 Sustainable Wellesley Expo and Symposium – Proclamation
Sustainability Committee Appointments**

Ms. Babson gave the background on the Sustainability Committee and introduced members Carolyn Hsu and Steve Fogg who provided information regarding the upcoming symposium on October 9th. There will be several events which will take place at the MLP and the Main Library.

Mr. Joyce gave details on the solar panels installed at the MLP which supplied 50 kilowatts of energy and thanked the Board and Mr. Larsen for providing leadership in the Town Wide Grounded Power Program.

“PROCLAMATION: ‘SUSTAINABLE ENERGY DAY’ OCTOBER 9, 2010

WHEREAS: the 2010 Annual Town Meeting approved a Sustainable Energy Plan to achieve a 10 percent reduction in the Town’s greenhouse gas emissions, both public and private, below 2007 levels; and

WHEREAS: it is the goal of the Sustainable Energy Plan to achieve said reduction in emissions by 2013; and

WHEREAS: the support and participation of Wellesley residents and businesses will be vital in order to meet the goal of reduced emissions; and

WHEREAS: numerous institutions and organizations throughout the Town of Wellesley have collaborated to sponsor the “Sustainable Wellesley Expo and Symposium” on October 9, 2010 at the Municipal Light Plant and Wellesley Free Library

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, WE, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Wellesley, Massachusetts, encourage the citizens of Wellesley to attend the “Sustainable Wellesley Expo and Symposium” and further hereby proclaims Saturday October 9, 2010 to be: “SUSTAINABLE ENERGY DAY” in the Town of Wellesley, Massachusetts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have Hereunto set our hand at Wellesley, Massachusetts on this 13th day of September, 2010.”

The Board moved to approve and sign the Proclamation for Sustainable Energy Day on October 9, 2010.

7. Sustainability Committee Appointments

Ms. Babson described the function of the committee which will consist of 7 members. The Committee members are Dick Joyce, Director of the MLP, Suzi Littlefield, School

Committee who will act as Chairman, and Chris Ketchen representing the Board of Selectmen .
The Board of Selectmen appointed the following:

Move to appoint Ellen Korpi and Robert Cooper for a term to expire June 30, 2011, Scott Bender and Elizabeth DeSombre for a term to expire June 30, 2012 and Christopher Ketchen for a term to expire June 30, 2013.

Projects and Other Updates:

27 Washington Street – None

Senior Center – A meeting is planned for next week regarding the current lease at the Community Center. The Health Department will re-inspect the building shortly.

Advisory Committee Update – None

DCR Bridge – None

Fuller Brook Path – None

Wellesley High School – None

Wellesley Middle School – A meeting of the SBC will be held 9/20 to discuss enrollment figures.

St. James Committee – No further news

Public Transportation Study – Phase II is progressing well with CTPS collecting demographic data. Molly Fairchild, Coordinator for the Sustainability Committee has consented to become a member of the PTS and will bring her sustainability perspective.

Mr. Dugan noted that the MetroWest Growth Management Committee will meet Wednesday evening at 8pm in the Town Hall and the Norfolk County Advisory Committee will be voting on tentative contract agreements with employee groups and to discuss the increase in employee group insurance contributions to 30%.

Old/New Business – None

At 8:26 p.m., the Board was polled all “yes” to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing real estate pertaining to the St. James property and under the new changes to the Open Meeting Law any discussion of certain matters in open meeting session may have detrimental effect on the negotiation position of the town.